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The Honorable John Ensign U. S. Senator 356 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Ensign:

Thank you for your leadership to our state and for your willingness to introduce the "Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act." I agree with the overall market-based vision of a truly level playing field, where consumers can get the products and services they want, from the companies they choose.

I look forward to seeing the innovative technology and lower prices that will follow once the industry providers begin competing head to head. As a friend and fellow elected official, I would like to thank you for taking the lead on this very important issue. You have my support as you continue updating and improving our nation's telecom laws.

Respectfully.

DEAN HELLER Secretary of State